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"THE EVENTS IN INDOCHINA AS WELL AS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN ASIA OF

WHICH THE FALL OF CAMBODIA TO THE KHMER ROUGE IS JUST ONE, DICTATE AN URGENT, DISPASSIONATE STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF THEIR IMPLICATIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH EAST ASIA.

"A HARDHEADED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON OUR IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS IS UNQUESTIONABLY A HIGH PRIORITY FOR ALL OF US IN THE AREA.

"FOR THIS REASON. WE HAVE, AS OF TODAY, INITIATED MOVES TO BRING ABOUT

AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, SUMMIT-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE ALLIES IN THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN NATIONS, ON THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ASIA.

" THE FIRST LADY WHO HAS BEEN INVITED BY MADAME SUHARTO TO ATTEND THE INDONESIAN VERSION OF NAYONG PILIPINO (PHILIPPINES-IN-MINATURE VILLAGE) HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO CONVEY HIS DESIRE FOR

SUCH A SUMMIT CONSULTATION TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO.

"THE FIRST LADY IS LEAVING FOR JAKARTA SATURDAY."

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2. COMMENT: AS NOTED REF. B, MARCOS INDICATED PRIVATELY ON APRIL 4 THAT HE WAS SYMPATHETIC TO INDONESIAN SUMMIT PROPOSAL PROVIDING ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ESTABLISH AGENDA FIRST. USE OF TERM "INITIATE" IN PUBLIC STATEMENT DISINGENUOUS SINCE LOCAL PRESS HAS ALREADY PUBLISHED REPORTS OF THAI, MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN SUGGESTIONS REGARDING ASEAN SUMMIT. SULLIVAN

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